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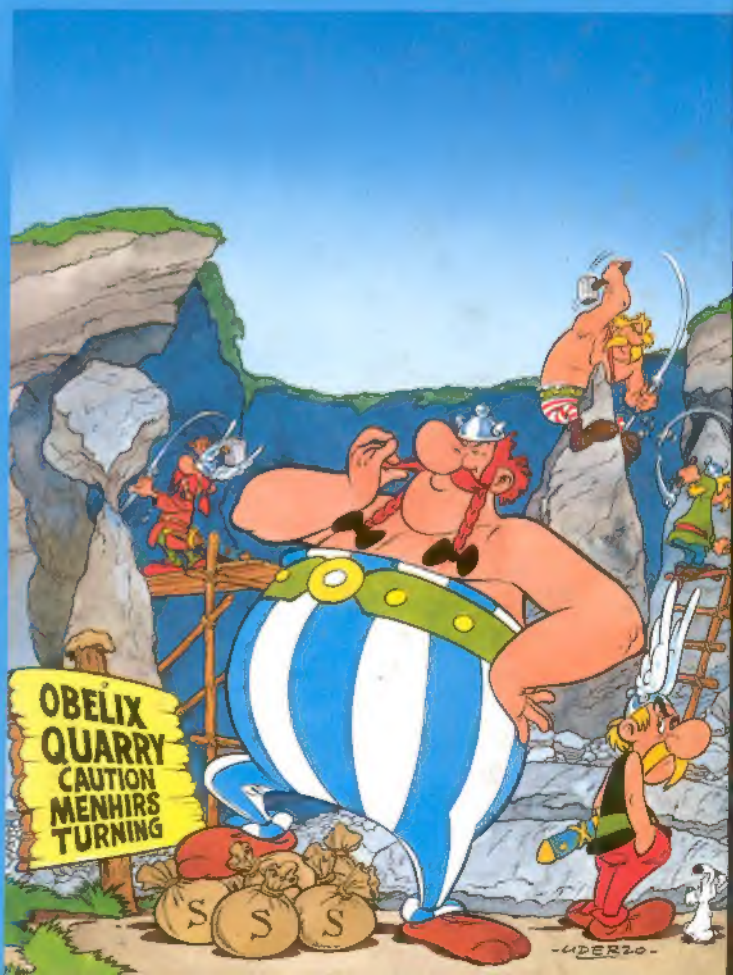
GOSCINNY AND UDERZO

Asterix

OBELIX

and Co.

Asterix



DISCIPLINE IS FAIRLY LAX
IN THE FORTIFIED
ROMAN CAMP OF
TOTORUM...



IT'S OUR RELIEF,
BOYS! IT'S OUR
RELIEF!



OPEN THE
GATES! OPEN
THE GATES!



HEY,
CENTURION
SCROFULUS!
IT'S THEM ALL
RIGHT!



I AM
CENTURION
IGNORAMUS!
AVE!

HI! I'M
CENTURION
SCROFULUS
... WHAT
A
RELIEF!



NOT IN UNIFORM,
CENTURION
SCROFULUS?

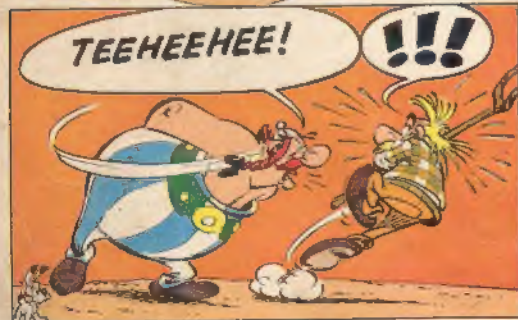
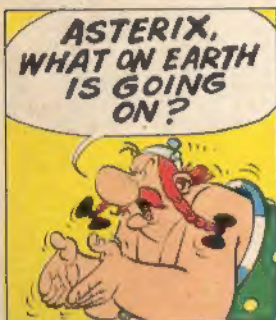
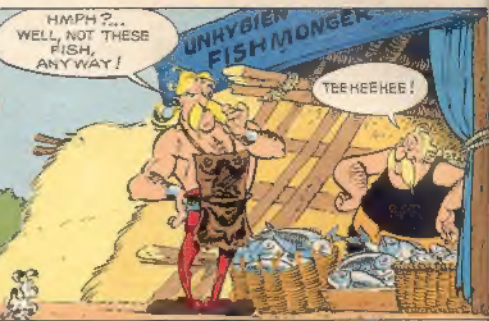
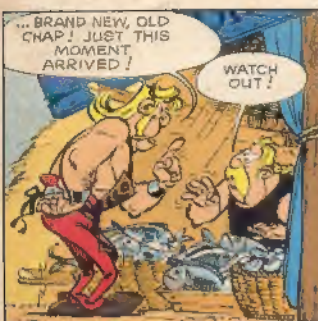
WE HARDLY
EVER GO
OUT, SO WE
DON'T
BOTHER TO
DRESS
UP.

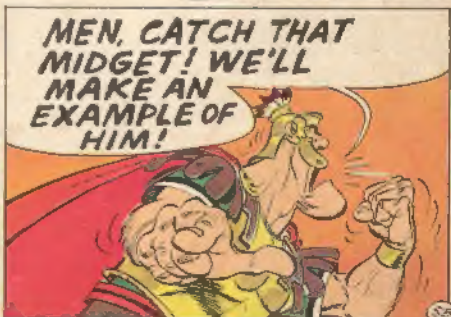
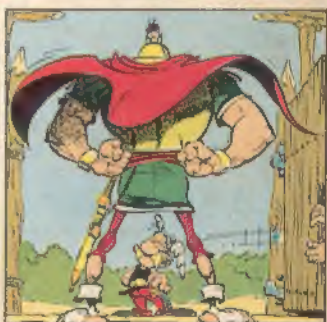
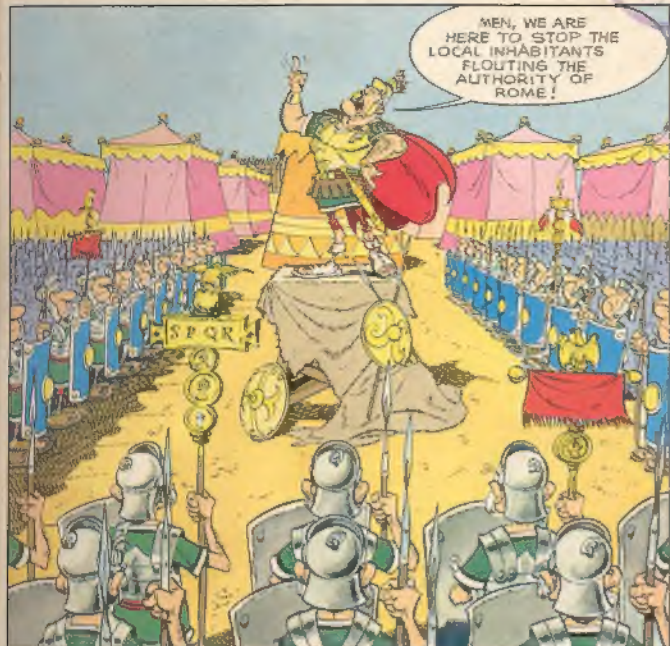
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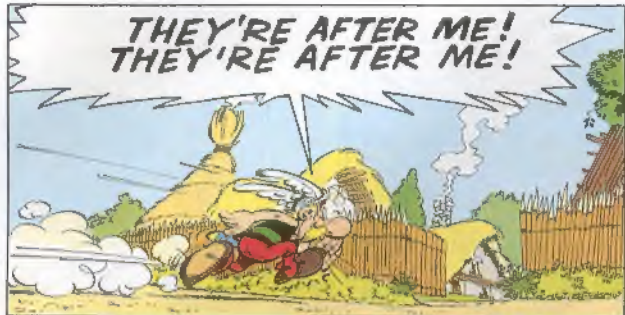
FORWARD
MARCH!





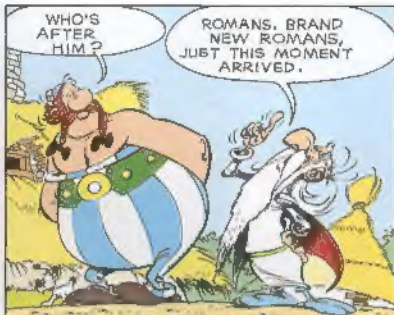


**THEY'RE AFTER ME!
THEY'RE AFTER ME!**



WHO'S
AFTER
HIM?

ROMANS. BRAND
NEW ROMANS,
JUST THIS MOMENT
ARRIVED.



**ROM....? LEAVE THEM
TO ME! LEAVE
THEM TO ME!**

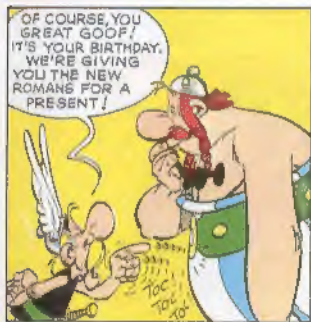


YES, YES,
WE WILL,
THEY'RE ALL
FOR YOU!

ALL FOR ME?

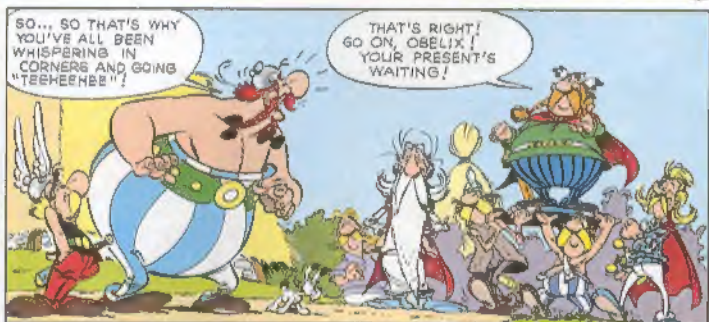


OF COURSE, YOU
GREAT GOOP!
IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY.
WE'RE GIVING
YOU THE NEW
ROMANS FOR A
PRESENT!



SO... SO THAT'S WHY
YOU'VE ALL BEEN
WHISPERING IN
CORNERS AND GOING
"TEEEENNEE!"

THAT'S RIGHT!
GO ON, OBELIX!
YOUR PRESENT'S
WAITING!



**MEN, WE SHALL
RAZE THE VILLAGE OF
THESE INSOLENT GAULS
TO THE GROUND! CHARGE!
THERE AREN'T MANY OF
THEM...IT'S A GIFT!**



**COME ON,
DOGMATIX!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU...



IN ROME...

ONE MAN!
ONE SOLITARY GAUL
MANAGED TO DEFEAT
AND DEMOLISH
MY CRACK
TROOPS!

FOR SUCCESSION!

SUPPOSE WE SET UP A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROBLEM?

GOOD IDEA! WITH SUB-COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS ASPECTS...

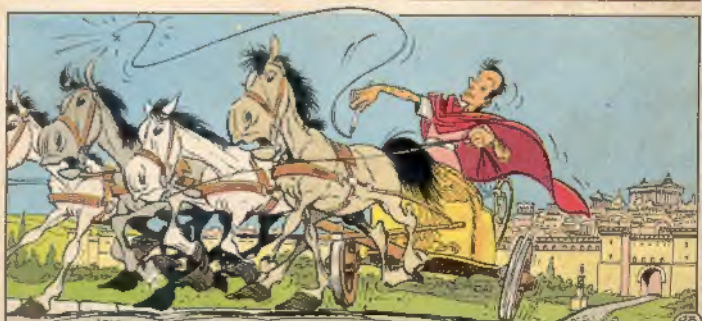
LET'S HAVE A WORKING LUNCH TO DISCUSS IT...

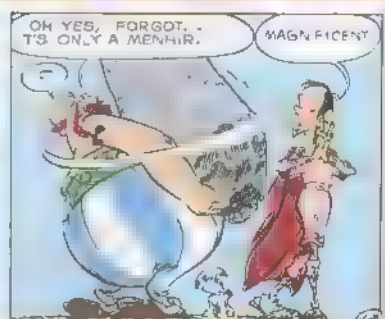
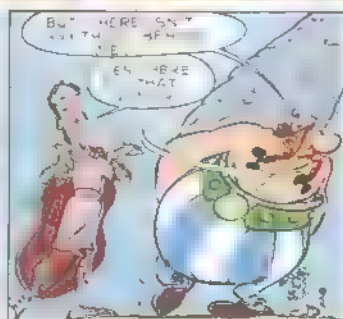
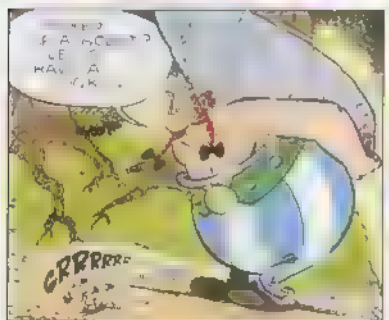
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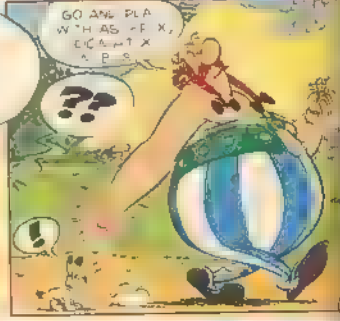
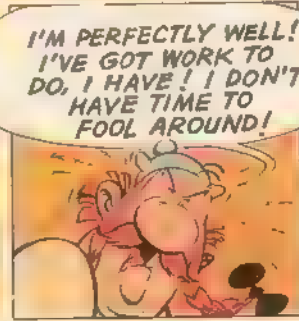
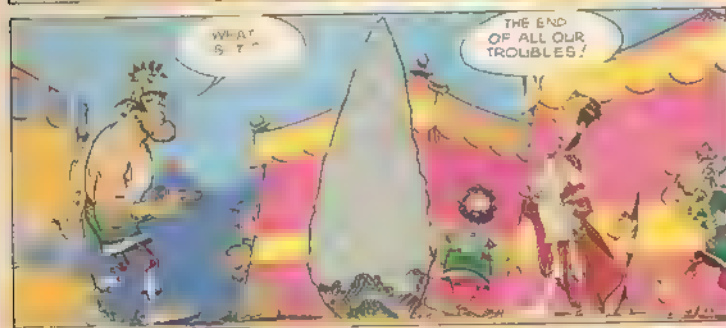
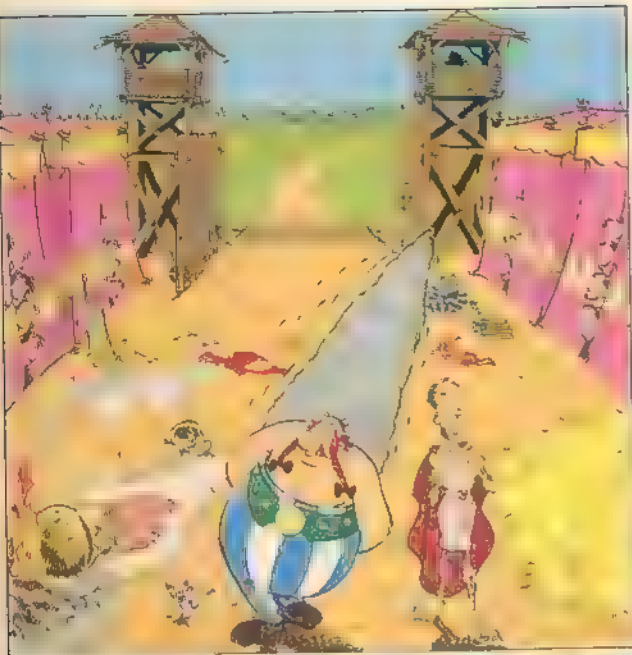
COME HERE, CAIUS PREPOSTERUS. JUST NOW WOULD YOU BET ABOUT AWAKENING THE GAULS WITH THEIR MAGICAL STRENGTH?

...WILL ENFEEBLE THEM AND KEEP THEM BUSY. WE MUST CORRUPT THEM.

YOU THINK THAT WILL DO THE TRICK?







NEXT DAY...

LOOK AT THAT!

THE RELIEF?

NO! THE BIG! FAT BRUTE!

TAKE COVER, ALL!

ISN'T THERE EVER ANYONE HERE?

WHAT A BEAUTY! IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN THE FIRST ONE!

HERE'S FOUR HUNDRED SESTERTII.

NO. TWO HUNDRED.

PRICES ARE GOING UP.

WHERE TO?

NO! IT'S BECAUSE OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND, THE STATE OF THE MARKET AND ITS ALL RATHER COMPLICATED, BUT I LEAD US TO GALLIUM PROVINCE.

AND DON'T FORGET, I'LL BUY ALL THE MEATKES YOU CAN MAKE

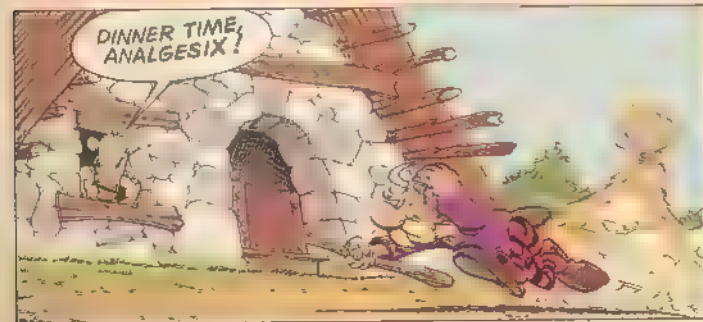
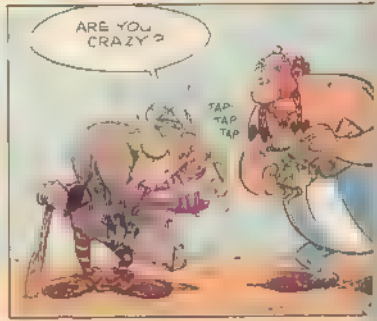
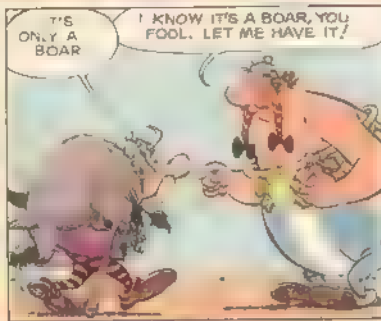
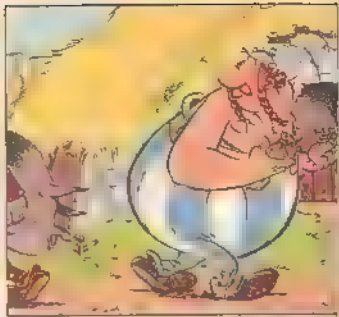
ASTERIX

YES?

MM HUNGRY DO YOU THINK...

WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY IT'S BETTER TO BUY YOU AN SO MUCH THE BIGGEST AND THE FOGGETS FEEL OF THEM

GRARRR!



IT'S THE
MENHIR
DELIVERY
MAN!

EIGHT HUNDRED
CSE*FR

YOU MEAN MORE
PRICES HAVE BEEN
CANTERING THROUGH
THE MARKET PLACE
SINCE YESTERDAY?

EHP... OH, YES, BUT THERE'S
A SLIGHT PROBLEM. YOU'RE
ONLY BRINGING ME ONE
MENHIR AT A TIME, AND
I NEED LOTS OF
MENHIRS...

CAN'T MAKE THEM ANY
FASTER. I CAN ONLY MAKE
ONE A DAY BECAUSE I FELL
INTO THE CAULDRON OF
MAGIC POTION AS
A BABY...

IF YOU CAN'T INCREASE
THE EFFICIENCY OF YOUR
PRODUCTIVITY
INFRASTRUCTURE, THE
MARKET WILL FALL.

WHAT A
PITY...

UH?

IF YOU NOT ABLE
MAKE BIG HEAP
MENHIRS, WE NOT ABLE
PAY HEAP BIG
SESTERTIUM YOU
SAVVY?

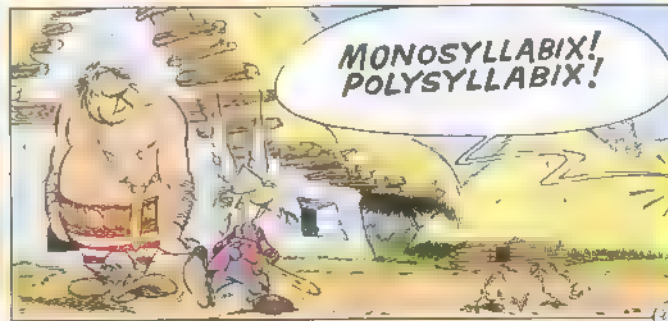
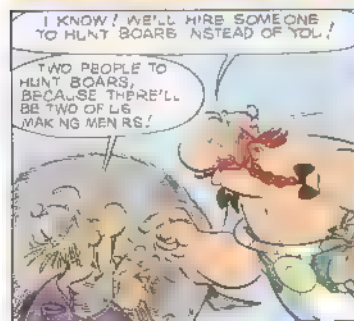
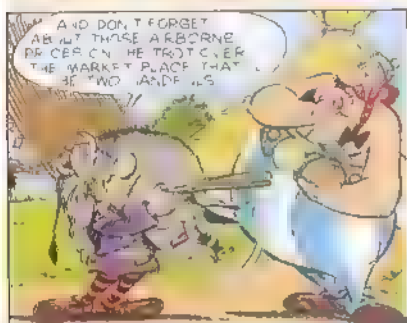
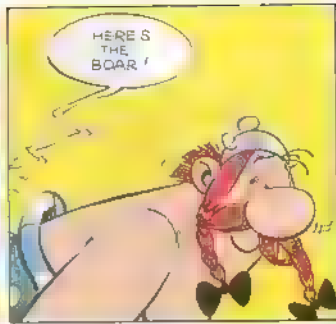
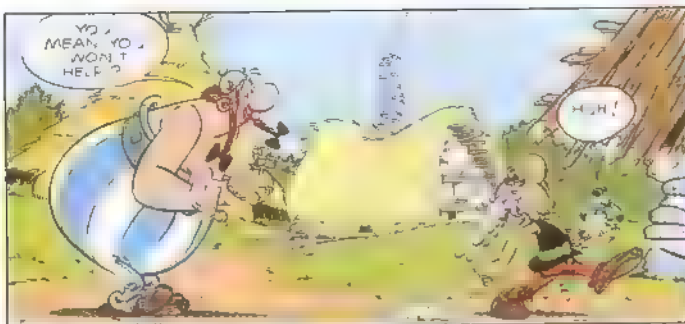
ASTERIX,
COULD YOU HELP
ME MAKE
MENHIRS?

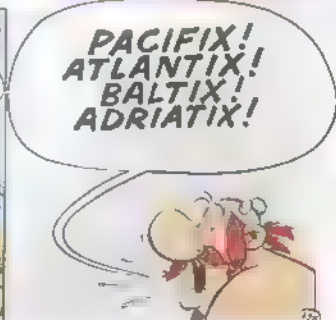
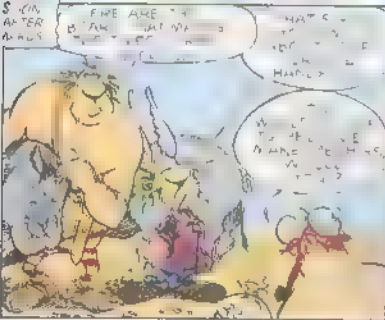
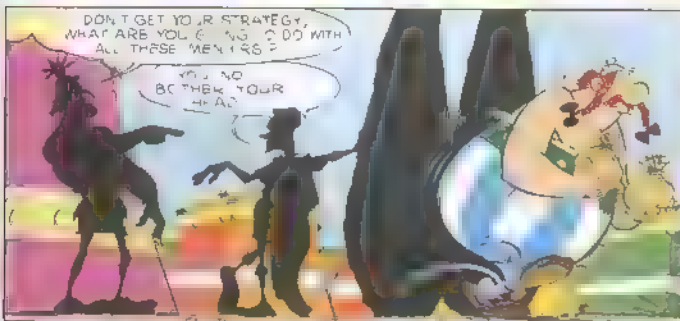
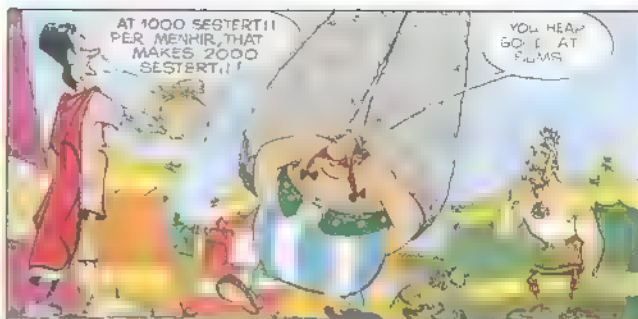
YOU SEE, HE
INFRASTRUCTURE DOESN'T
GO UP FAST ENOUGH.
BE HEAPS OF SESTERTIUM
PAID TO THE
MARKET.

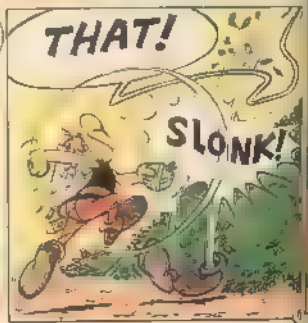
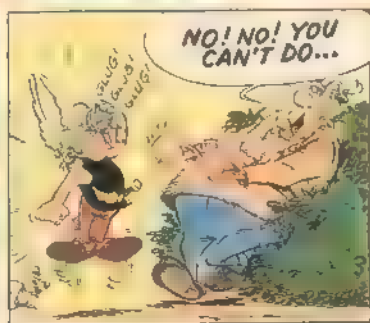
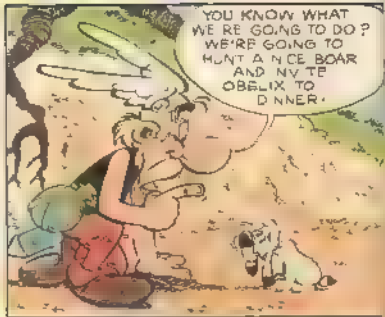
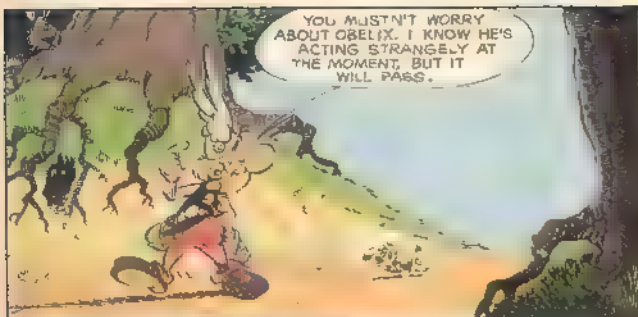
UH?

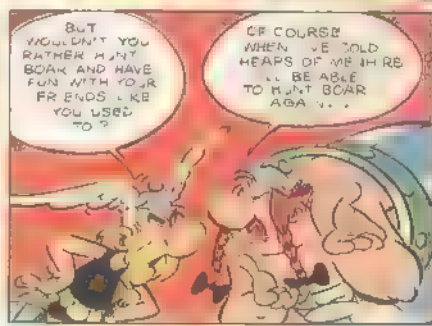
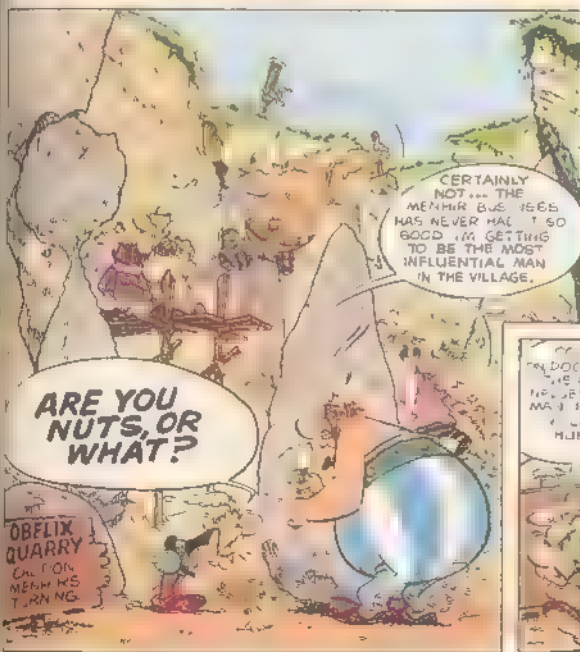
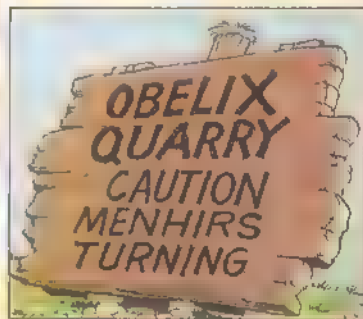
YOU
SAVVY?

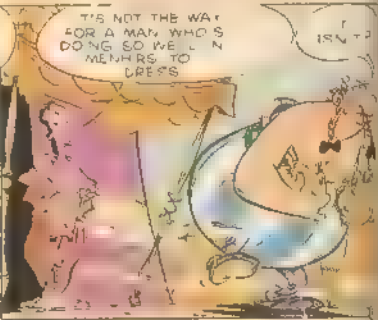
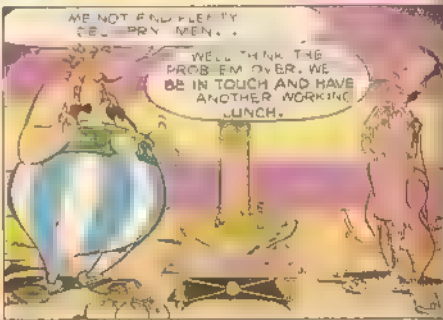
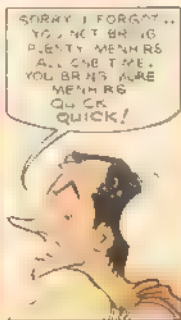
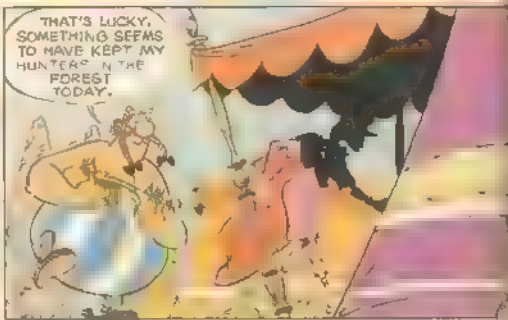
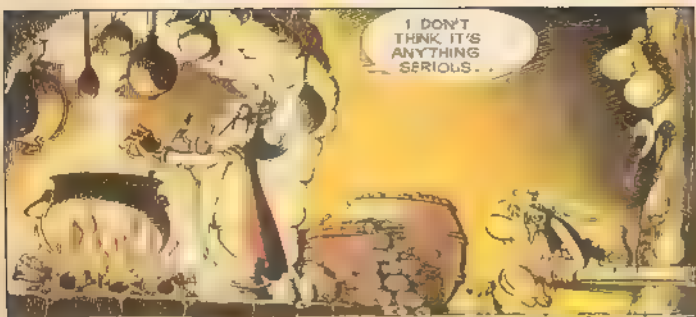
ADITIAPAT.











GERATRIX,
DARLING! WOULD YOU
THE PEDLAR
S HERE!

STOP ARGUING!
THE PEDLAR'S HERE,
AND JUST FOR ONCE
YOU CAN DROP
ME OFF ON
THE SHIELD!

BUT PED MENTA
DARLING, IT'S MY
OFFICIAL SHIELD!



ROLL UP ROLL UP!
WE GOT SILK FROM GUGDUNUM,
VELVET FROM SAMAROBRIA,
YOUR GLASSES
FROM HELVETIA...

THE
WONDER
OF
WORLD

THE VERY
LATEST THING
FROM LUTETIA...
QUITE
INEXPENSIVE.

CAN I, GERATRIX
DEAR?

YES, I AGREE
MY LOVE

WELL
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

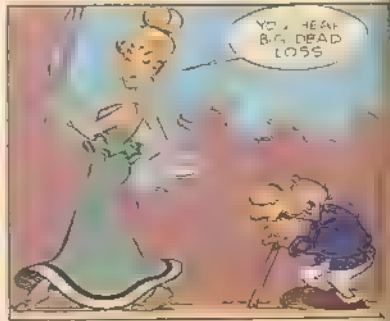
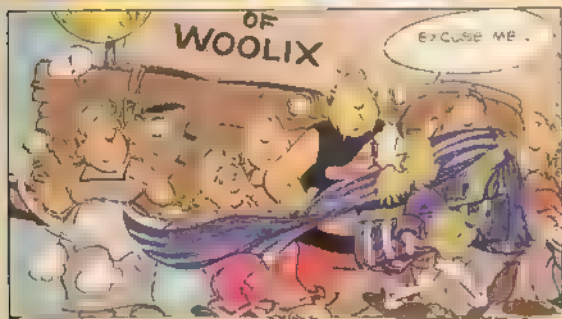
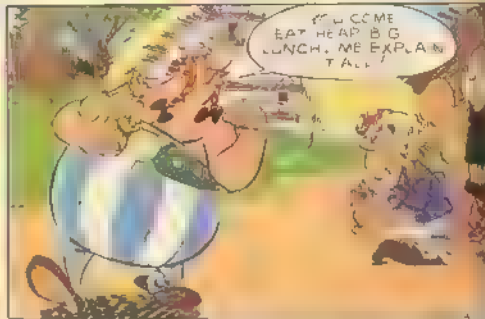
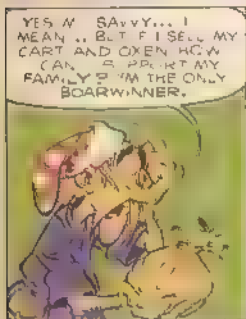
YES, IT'S
VERY
CLOUTIER

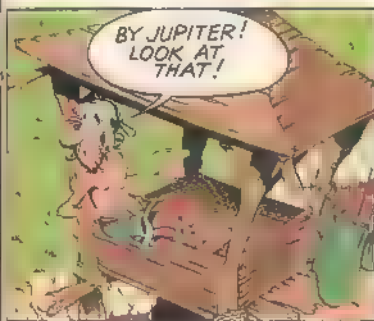
CAN I
PAY IN
SHEK?

A L R I G H T
T H E R E ' S
T H E
T I M E
A N D
P L A C E
T O
C A R P!

I'LL
B U Y
T H E
L O T!







BY JUPITER!
LOOK AT
THAT!



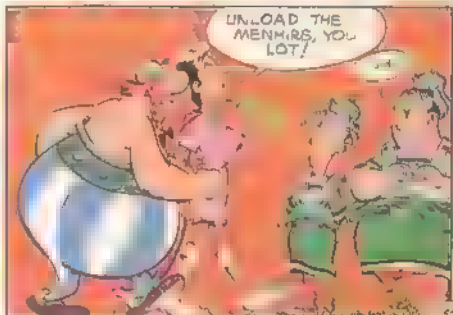
SPLENDID! WE'VE DONE!
COME INTO MY TENT
AND WE'LL GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS. MENHRS
ARE GOING UP AGAIN.



BUT
HAVE TO
UNLOAD MY
MENHRS..



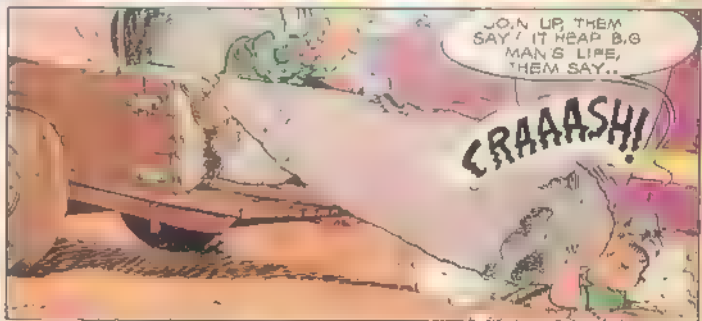
NO, NO! THAT'S NO
JOB FOR A CAPTAIN
OF INDUSTRY.



UNLOAD THE
MENHRS, YOU
LOT!



UNLOAD
HEAP B.G
MENHRS! YOU
SAY! YOU
SAY!



JOIN UP THEM
SAY! IT HEAP B.G
MAN'S LIFE,
THEM SAY..

CRAAASH!



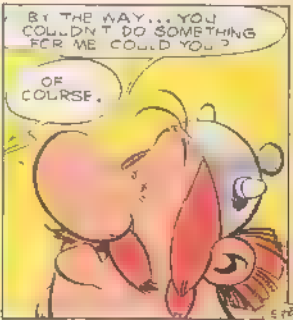
SODD
AFTERWARDS.

HELLO,
OBELIX!



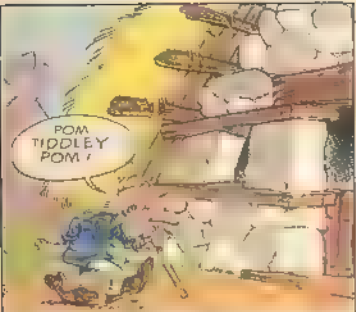
I JUST WANTED TO
COINQUILATE YOU, OR
BECAUSE HE MOST
NEED IT AT MAN IN
THE VILLAGE

YOU DO?
ER... WE....



BY THE WAY... YOU
COULDN'T DO SOMETHING
FOR ME COULD YOU?

OF
COURSE.



POM
TIDDLEY
POM!



SUPPER READY,
MY LOVE?

NO, SUPPER IS
NOT READY! GET
IT YOURSELF.
I'M BUSY!

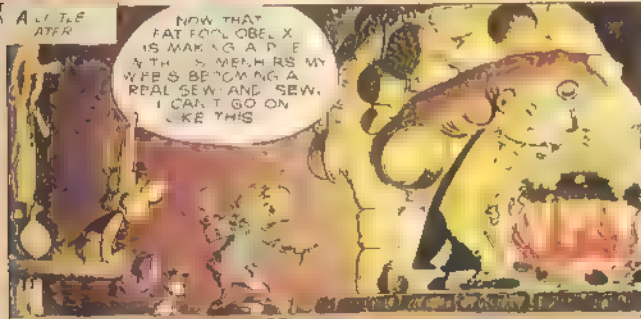
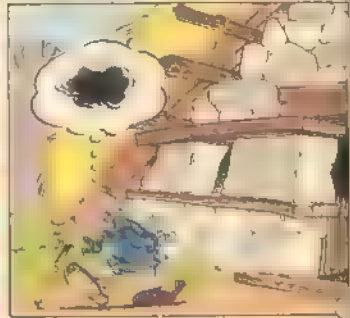


BUSY
DOING WHAT
MY PET?

OBELEX
ASKED ME TO
MAKE HIM SOME
CLOTHES. HE'S
GOING TO
PAY HAND
SOME. Y...

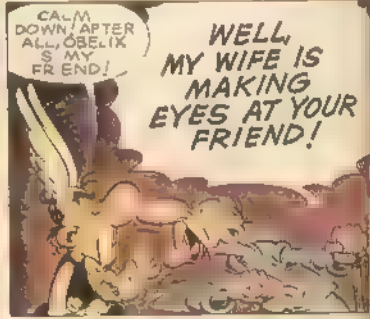


I HAVEN'T A THING TO WEAR!
AND SINCE I CAN'T COUNT ON
YOU, I HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY
TO EARN A BIT OF MONEY!



A LITTLE
LATER

NOW THAT
FAT FOL OBELEX
IS MAKING A DE
ATH. S. MENHRS MY
WIFE'S BECOMING A
REAL SEW- AND SEW.
I CAN'T GO ON
LIKE THIS



CALM
DOWN! AFTER
ALL, OBELEX
IS MY
FRIEND!

WELL,
MY WIFE IS
MAKING
EYES AT YOUR
FRIEND!



AND SHE'S
NEVER LOOKED
AT ANYONE
BUT ME...
T.S.
INCREDIBLE

YES, YE
OFTEN
THOUGHT
SO
MYSELF...

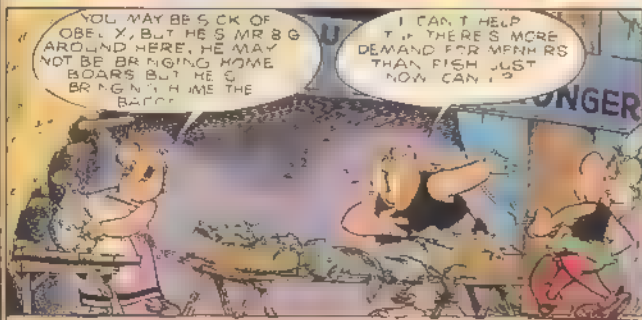
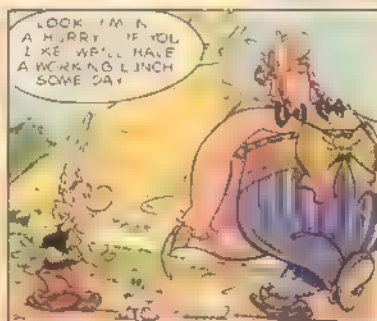
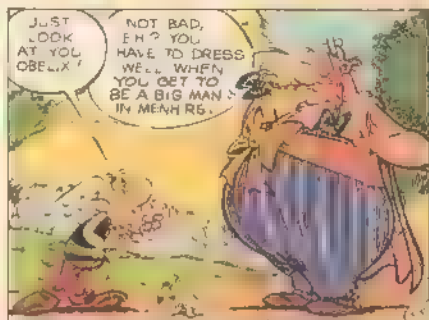
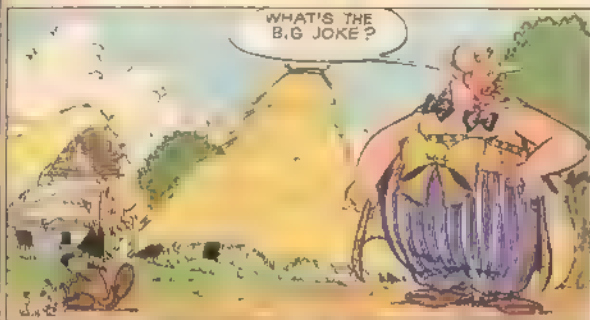
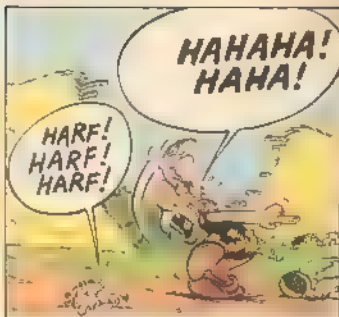
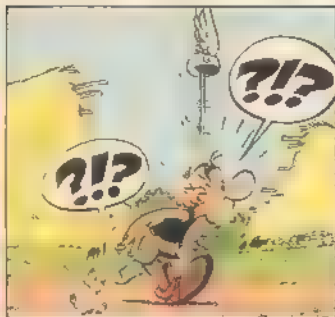
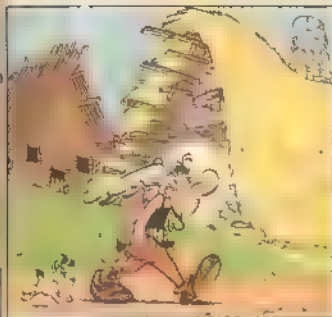


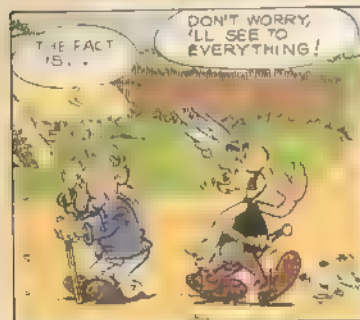
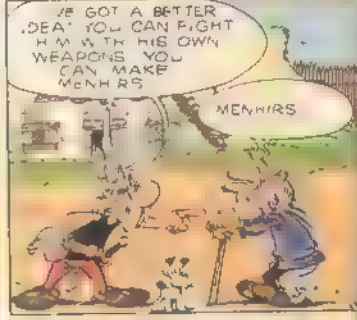
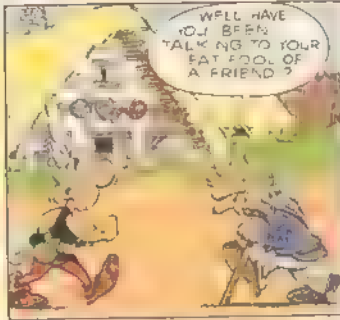
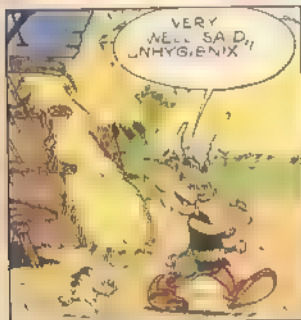
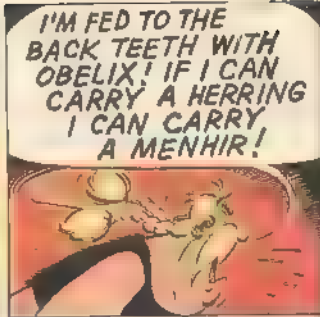
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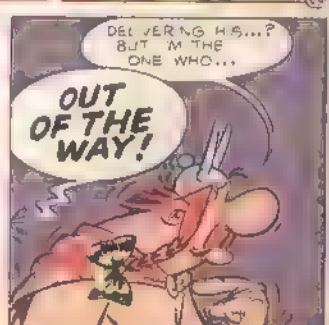
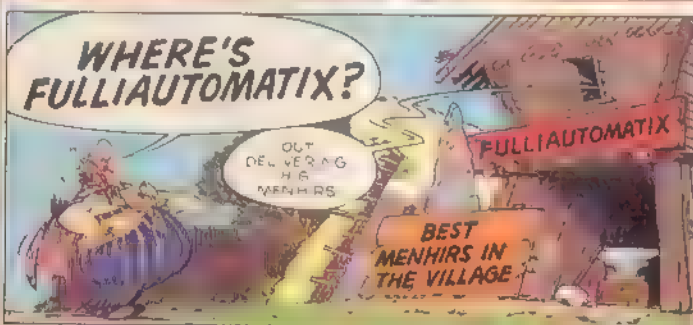
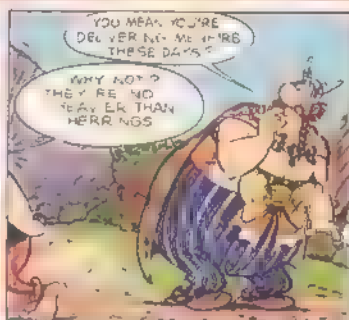
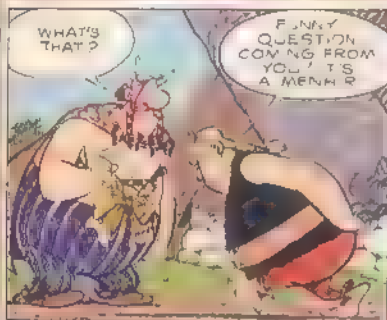
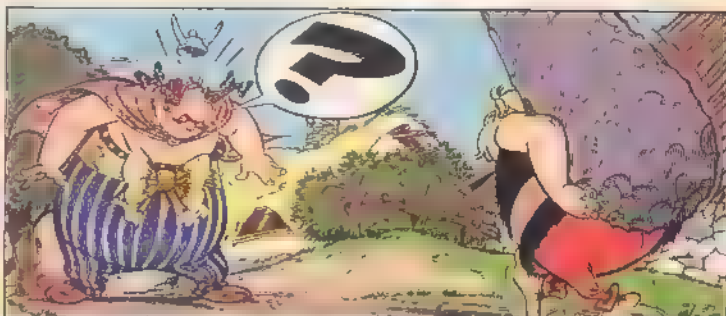
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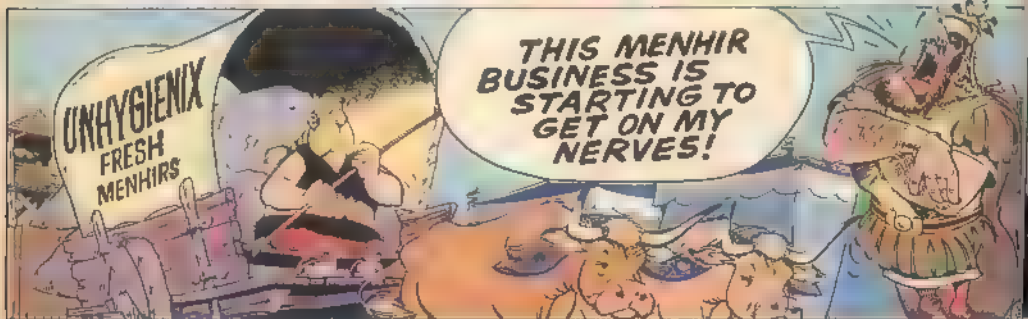
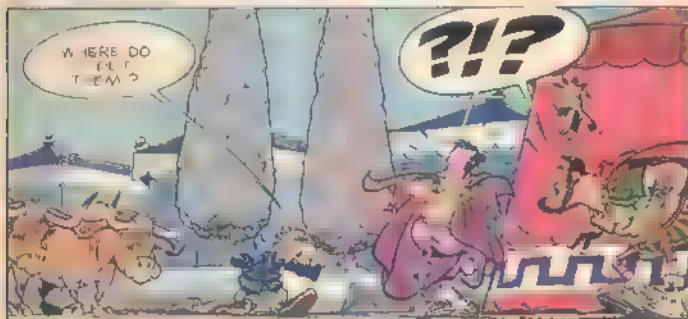
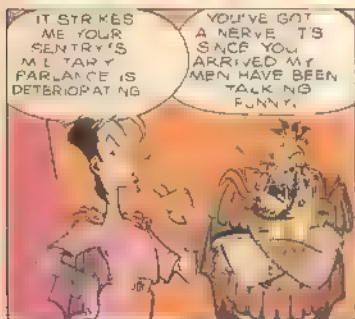
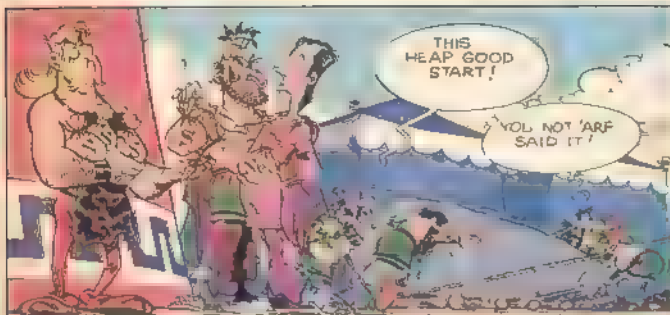


YOU JUST
DO THAT, OR I
SHALL MAKE
YOUR FINE
FRIEND EAT
MY STICK!









JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK ALL THESE MENHIRS WILL GET YOU?

I DON'T WANT THEM TO GET ME ANYWHERE 'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, I CAME AND I CONQUERED!

THE GALLS ARE ALL USING THEIR MAG C POWERS TO MAKE MENHIRS, INSTEAD OF THUMPING OUR LEG ONARIES.

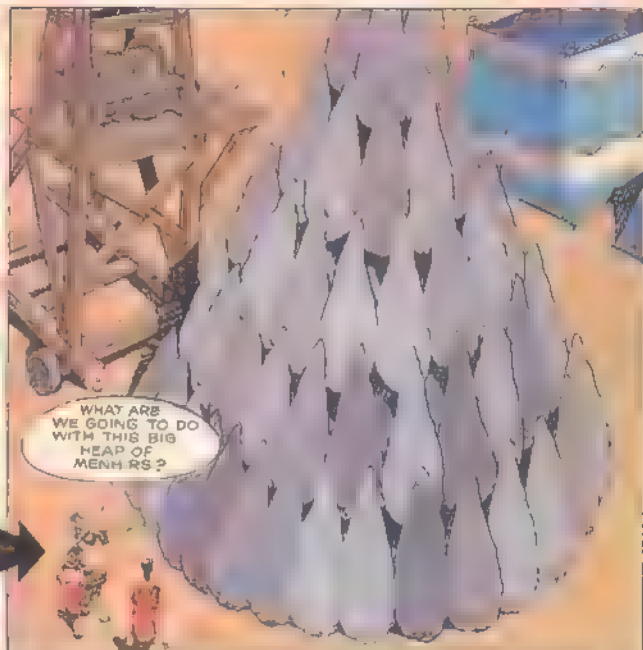


THEY HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY THE PROF T MOTIVE GOLD AND HIGH V NO WILL WEAKEN THEIR MORAL F BRE DON'T YOU AGREE?

WELL... MAYBE...



BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIS BIG HEAD OF MENHIRS?



REDDIE CAESAR OLAE SONT CAESAR S

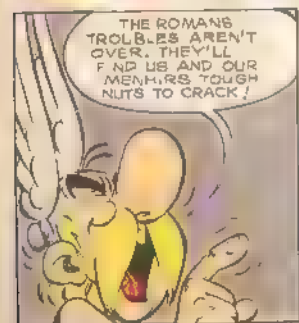
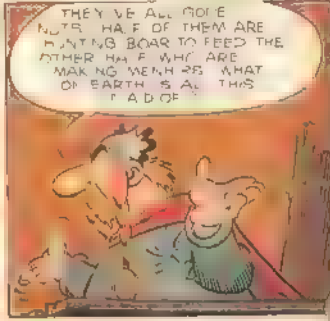
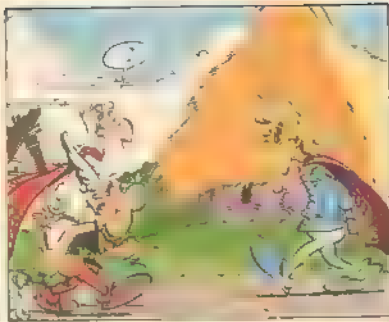
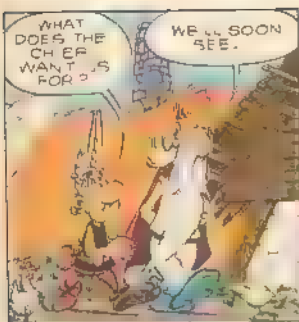
WHO?

RENDER U TO CAESAR HEAD B G HEAD MENHIRS THA ARE CAESAR S

DON'T SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT! YOUR MENHIRS ARE CAUSING SOFTENING OF THE BRAIN ALL ROUND!

CAESAR HAS PAD FOR THESE MENHIRS SO T'S ONLY RIGHT FOR ME TO DEL VER THEM, WHILE I'M AWAY, CARRY ON BUYING MENHIRS, AND KEEP RAS NG THE PR CE. S V IS PACEM, BUY MENHIRS





IN JULIUS CAESAR'S
PALACE IN
ROME...

AND
JUST WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED TO
DO WITH ALL
THESE
MENHIRS?

BUT CAESAR, THOSE
MENHIRS ARE THE
PROOF OF MY SUCCESS.
THE GAULS ARE
TOO BUSY MAKING
MENHIRS TO
FIGHT, SO...

MAYBE, BUT
YOU'RE DRAGGING
MY TREASURY
TO KEEP A
FEW MADMEN
BUSY!

PEACE IS BEYOND
ALL PRICE...
S: VIS
ACEM.

YOUNG MAN, I MAKE THE
CLASSICAL REMARKS AROUND
HERE, ALBA JACTA EST AND ALL
THAT AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU HAVEN'T
ANSWERED MY QUESTION: WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH
ALL THESE MENHIRS?

CE... CAESAR.

SE... THEN?

THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT WAY, YOU
NOT ONLY RECOVER
YOUR EXPENSES,
YOU MAKE
A PROFIT

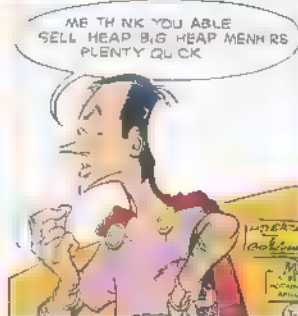
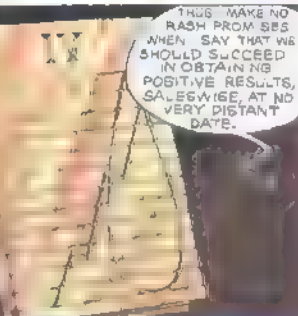
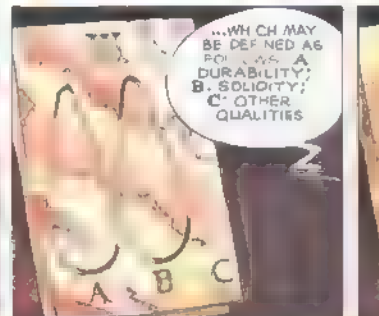
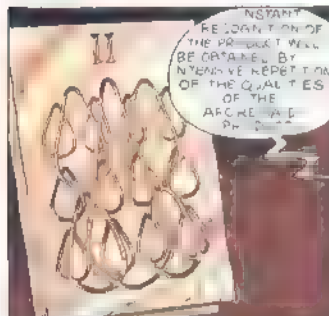
DO YOU
WANT
TO
KNOW
HOW
TO
DO
IT?

PRECISELY! WE MUST DRAW
UP A PLAN OF CAMPAIGN, DECIDE
ON OUR STRATEGY, SET OUR
SIGHTS ON THE RIGHT
TARGET!

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY? TARGET?
THAT'S THE KIND OF THING I
NEED. I'LL GIVE ORDERS
FOR THE LEGIONS
TO PREPARE FOR
BATTLE.

NO MORE
EFFORT...

THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE OF YOU UNACQUAINTED WITH THE ANCIENT BUSINESS WORLD TO UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY AS, THESE DAYS, SUCH A STATE OF AFFAIRS COULD NEVER EXIST, SINCE NO ONE WOULD DREAM OF TRYING TO SELL SOMETHING UTTERLY USELESS...



A FEW DAYS LATER,
ON EVERY WALL
IN ROME...

YOUR DEAREST WISH



A MENHIR

IT'S BIG, IT'S
BEAUTIFUL,
IT'S A
MENHIR



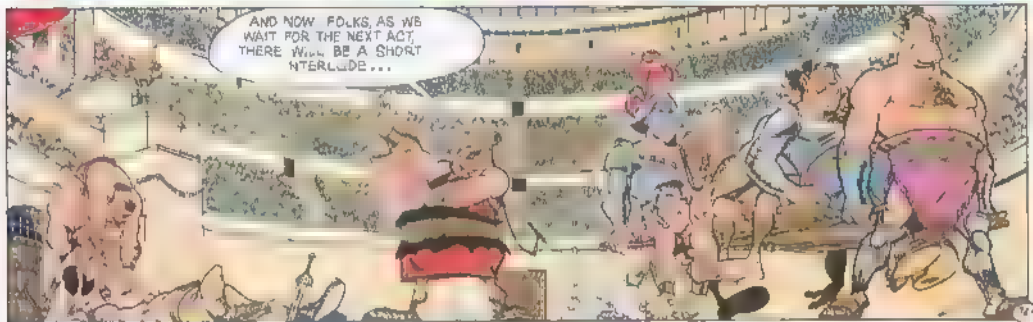
ON SALE IN ALL THE BEST
TEMPLES 847-5-A-POP-UPS

YOU OWN A VILLA, A
CHARIOT, SLAVES
BUT...



DO YOU OWN A MENHIR?

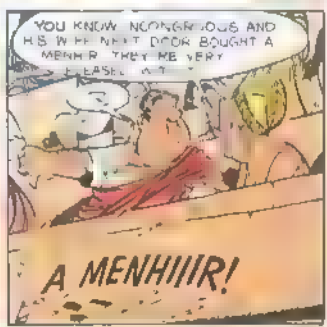
AND NOW FOLKS, AS WE
WAIT FOR THE NEXT ACT,
THERE WILL BE A SHORT
INTERLUDE...



IT'S THE RIGHT ONE,
IT'S NOT THE LIGHT ONE,
IT'S A MENHIR...



A MENHIR...



A MENHIIR!

AND THE RESULTS OF THE
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ARE
NOT LONG COMING IN...



IT'S A KNOCKOUT!
MENHIRS ARE
SELLING LIKE
HOT CAKES!

SOON
AFTERWARDS

WHAT'S THE BIG
DEM. MERC. C. JS?
SINCE WHEN
HAVE ROMANS
BEEN
MANUFACTURING
MENHIRS?

SINCE PEOPLE
STARTED BUYING
THE W. O. CAESAR

WELL I
FORGOT YOU TO
SEE ANY
MORE
MENHIRS.

WE REPRESENT THE ENTIRE ROMAN
MENHIR INDUSTRY AND CANNOT
BE DISMISSED AS A
WICKED C. JS. THE
C. JS. OF SO MANY WORKERS

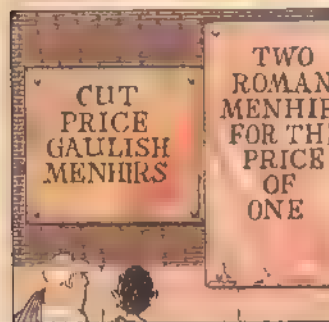
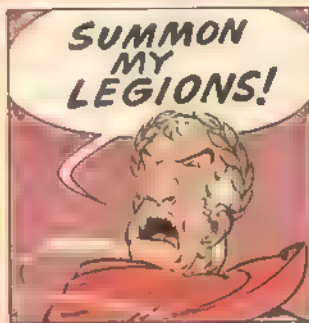
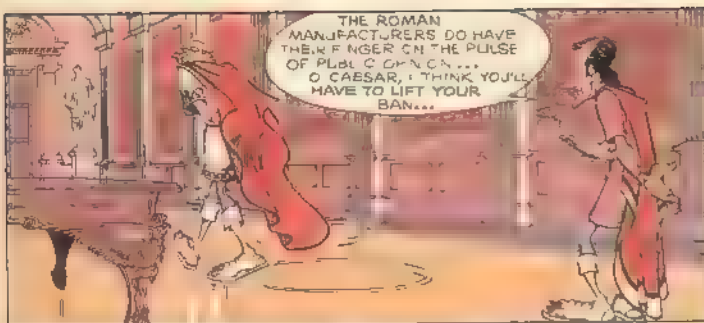
BUT THE
WORKERS
SAY YES

EXACTLY THE RIGHT
TO WORK IS THE ONLY
RIGHT A SLAVE
HAS. HE MUST
NOT BE DEPRIVED
OF IT!

IF YOU GO
ON CIRCULATING
MENHIRS
YOU'LL FIND
YOURSELF IN
THE CIRCUS!

RIGHT YOU
LEAVE ME NO
ALTERNATIVE





IN ROME, THE BOTTOM
IS DRIPPING OUT OF
THE MENHIR MARKET?

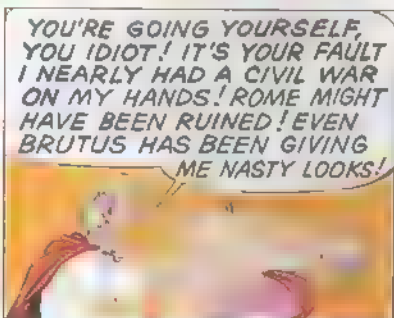
FREE GIFT
OF 1 BLUE
SHIELD
MENHIRS
WITH
EVERY
SLAVE
PURCHASED



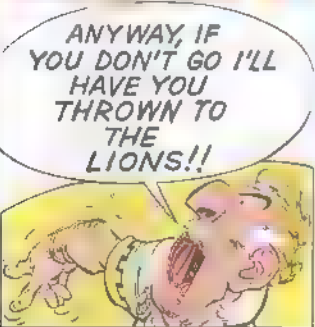
PEOPLE DON'T EVEN
WANT THEM AS A GIFT WE...
THAT'S NO BAD
OR A FORTUNE, BUT
LET'S FORGET
IT...
E THING
S...



WHAT? YOU KNOW THE
STATE OF MY FINANCES?
AND YOU SAID WE'D MAKE
A KILLING! GET BACK
TO GAUL AND STOP
IT!!!



YOU'RE GOING YOURSELF,
YOU IDIOT! IT'S YOUR FAULT
I NEARLY HAD A CIVIL WAR
ON MY HANDS! ROME MIGHT
HAVE BEEN RUINED! EVEN
BRUTUS HAS BEEN GIVING
ME NASTY LOOKS!



ANYWAY, IF
YOU DON'T GO I'LL
HAVE YOU
THROWN TO
THE
LIONS!!



MENHIR
GRAVEYARD

BUT THE WORLD MENHIR
CRISIS HAS NOT YET AFFECTED
THE GAULISH VILLAGE



ASTERIX!
DOGMATIX!



STEN... CAN
BOAR... IN H



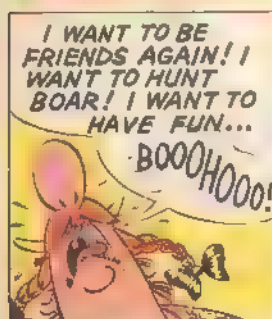
WHAT AN
INFLUENTIAL MAN
A YEAH... DOG... YOU
HAVE A CONFERENCE
DON'T YOU HAVE
A BUSINESS



DEAR DON'T LAUGH AT ME
I'M A MINOR... I'M A MINOR...
I'M A MINOR... I'M A MINOR...
I'M A MINOR... I'M A MINOR...
I'M A MINOR... I'M A MINOR...



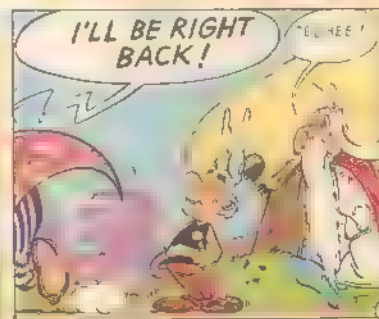
I WANT TO BE
FRIENDS AGAIN! I
WANT TO HUNT
BOAR! I WANT TO
HAVE FUN...
BOOOHOOO!

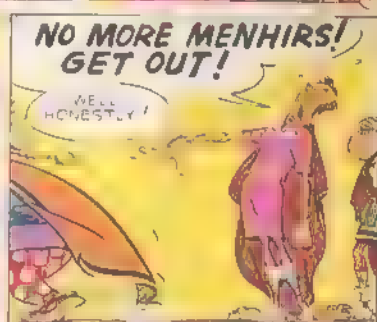
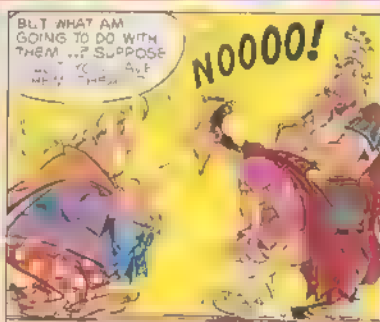


WERE YOU THINK... OF
HUNTING BOAR...
HA... HA... HA...



I'LL BE RIGHT
BACK!





UNHYGIENIX
FRESH
MENHIRS

THEY'RE
NOT BUYING ANY
MORE MENHIRS!!!

YOU MEAN THEY'RE
NOT BUYING ANY
MORE OF **YOUR**
MENHIRS?

AND WHY
MY
MENHIRS,
MAY I ASK?

BECAUSE MY MENHIRS
DON'T STINK OF BUTTER-EGG
THAT'S WHY. AND WA- M
OFF TO BE LEW-H-M
YOU'LL FIND OUT
IF MY MENHIRS
MENHIRS OR NOT

WHAT'S GOING
ON?

OH
NOTHING

REALLY?

YOU
BET

OFF WE GO, THEN!
WITH ALL THESE
HUNTERS IN THE
FOREST NOWADAYS
WE HAVE TO GO
QUITE A WAY TO
FIND BOARS!

A LITTLE LATER

FULLIAUTOMATIX
TODAY'S MENHIRS

THEY DON'T
EVEN WANT MINE
ANY MORE!!!

